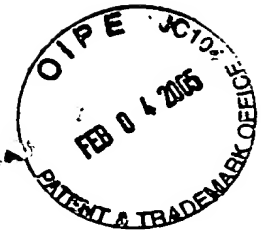


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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of
Nakayuki YAMAMOTO et al. Conf. 5317
Application No. 08/913,056 Group 1617
Filed October 22, 1997 Examiner Edward J Webman
MUCOSAL PREPARATION CONTAINING
PHYSIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE PEPTIDE

STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents February 4, 2005
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby inquire as to the status of the above-referenced application. The application has been pending on appeal since June 11, 1999. In Paper No. 22 of June 15, 2001, the Board expressly instructed that the application be handled promptly within the Group.

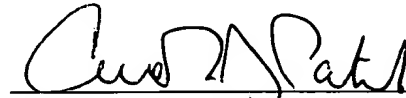
On January 22, 2004 (Paper No. 25) the Board issued an Order remanding the case to the Examiner for a response to appellants' Reply Brief of December 15, 2003.

Notwithstanding the Board's Order and previous admonition to the Group that the application be handled promptly, more than one year has passed with no further action.

Action consistent with the Board's Order of January 22,
2004 is therefore respectfully requested.

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